Youths collecting donations for Maoists

681. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that youths in Naxalite affected States and areas have started collecting donations for Maoists;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the youths from the Naxalite affected States have been joining mainstream with Naxals; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such youths joining in the Naxalites groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Law and order being a State subject, dealing with the various aspects/issues related to naxalite activities in a State primarily lies in the domain of the concerned State Government, and taking steps as appropriate and necessary is a continuous process. Crime related to extortion, etc. is registered, investigated and prosecuted by the State Government.

Concerned State Governments take necessary action to deal with naxalite activities. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources by a variety of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces which work under the control of the State Government concerned, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening of the State police and Intelligence agencies, re-imbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of Intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of different Ministries, including various income-generating, public-utility and social-security schemes of Ministries like Rural Development, Agriculture, Youth Affairs and Sports, Panchayati Raj and Tribal Affairs.

National project to tackle earthquakes

†682. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has submitted any national project before the Natural Disaster Management Authority to make preparation in India on the lines of Japan, to tackle earthquakes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether highly earthquake prone districts of the country have been identified; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to protect these districts?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.